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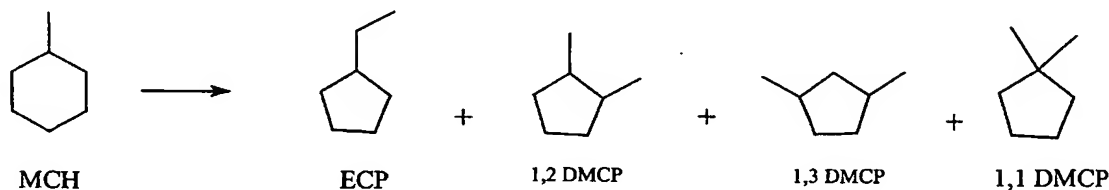
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(57) Abstract: Waxy feeds are converted to a basestock using a unitized mixed powdered pellet catalyst comprising a metal hydrogenation component on a support having a first dewaxing component and a second isomerization component, wherein the first component is selected from 10 and 12 ring molecular sieves and mixtures thereof and the second component is an amorphous inorganic oxide. The first and second components are present in a ratio sufficient to promote wax isomerization and naphthene distractions without substantial decrease in VI.

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1. Claims: 1-14

A method for hydrodewaxing feeds to produce a lube basestock having improved low temperature properties which comprises contacting the feed with a unitized mixed powder pellet catalyst under hydrodewaxing conditions, said catalyst comprising:

- (i) a first dewaxing component selected from 10 and 12 ring molecular sieves and mixtures thereof having a metal hydrogenation component dispersed thereon;
- (ii) a second component selected from amorphous inorganic oxides said second component having a metal hydrogenation component dispersed thereon.

2. Claims: 15-19

A method for hydrodewaxing feeds to produce a lube basestock having improved low temperature properties which comprises contacting the feed with a unitized mixed powder pellet catalyst under hydrodewaxing conditions, said catalyst comprising:

- (i) at least one first component selected from 10 and 12 ring molecular sieves and mixtures thereof having a metal hydrogenation component dispersed thereon;
- (ii) at least one second component selected from 10 and 12 ring molecular sieves and mixtures thereof having a metal hydrogenation component dispersed thereon.

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